

I CLAIM:

1. A clip adapted for use in connection with an article intended to be carried by a user, the clip defining a pair of rigid spaced-apart arms adapted to rest or engage against the waist, hips or back of the user.

5           2. The clip of claim 1 wherein the article defines a shell and the clip is associated with the article in a manner wherein the pair of rigid, spaced-apart arms protrude generally outwardly from the shell of the pack and are adapted to engage the waist and/or hips of the user.

10           3. The clip of claim 2 wherein the shell of the article defines an interior, the clip being adapted to be located within the interior of the article in a relationship wherein the arms thereof protrude through openings defined in the shell of the article.

15           4. The clip of claim 3 wherein the article defines a pair of sleeves extending outwardly from said openings defined in the shell and the arms of said clip are adapted to extend through said sleeves respectively.

5. The clip of claim 1 wherein the arms are adapted to exert a compressive force against the waist and/or hips of the user.

20           6. The clip of claim 1 wherein the arms are adapted to be flexed laterally away from each other for adjusting the width of said clip, said arms being further adapted to spring back towards each other and exert a compressive force against the waist and/or hips of the user.

7. An article adapted to be carried by a user and comprising a support member associated therewith and defining a pair of spaced-apart arms adapted to rest against the waist, hips and/or back of the user.

25           8. The article of claim 7 wherein said support member defines a clip and said arms are adapted to exert a compressive force against the waist and/or hips of the user.

9. The article of claim 8 wherein the clip includes a body interconnecting said pair of arms.

30           10. The article of claim 7 defining an interior and including a front face defining a pair of apertures therein, said support member being located

within the interior of the article and said arms extending through said respective apertures defined in the front face of the article.

11. The article of claim 7 defining an interior and including a front face defining a pair of outwardly extending hollow sleeves, said support member being located within the interior of the article in a manner wherein the respective arms extend through said respective sleeves.

12. The article of claim 7 defining a golf bag including a handle and an outer surface and the support member defines a clip suspended from the handle of the golf bag, the clip being pivotable about the handle between a first position wherein said arms are positioned adjacent the outer surface of the bag and a second position wherein the clip and the arms thereof have been rotated away from the outer surface into engagement with the waist and/or hips of the user.

13. The article of claim 7 defining a golf bag including a handle and a front face, the support member defining a clip associated with the front face and pivotable therefrom between a first position wherein the arms thereof are positioned generally parallel to the front face and a second position wherein the arms are positioned generally normal to the front face and adapted to engage the waist and/or hips of the user.

14. The article of claim 7 defining a golf bag including a handle and an outer surface and the support member includes a frame surrounded by a sleeve defining said arms and an arcuate notch therebetween, the member extending generally outwardly from the handle in a relationship generally tangent to the outer surface of the golf bag for engagement with the waist and/or hips of the user.

15. A pack adapted to be carried by a user and comprising:  
a shell defining an outer surface and a hollow interior; and  
a support member located within the interior of the pack and defining a pair of spaced-apart arms extending through apertures defined in the outer surface of said pack, said arms being adapted to abut the waist, hips and/or back of the user.

16. The pack of claim 15 further including a pair of sleeves in communication with said apertures, said arms extending through said sleeves.

17. The pack of claim 15 wherein said support member defines a clip including a base located within the interior of the pack, said arms extending from said base and being adapted to flex towards and away from each other.

18. The pack of claim 17 wherein said arms are collapsible.

5 19. The pack of claim 15 wherein a strap extends between and interconnects said arms for pivotal movement towards each other in response to the rearward lateral movement of said strap.

20. The pack of claim 17 wherein said clip is made of a shape memory alloy.

10 21. A support member for use in connection with a golf bag adapted to be carried by an individual, the golf bag including a handle and an outer surface and the weight support member defining a pair of arms adapted to rest against the waist and/or hips of the individual carrying the golf bag.

15 22. The support member of claim 21 adapted to be secured to the handle of the golf bag.

23. The support member of claim 22 wherein the support member defines a clip which is pivotable about the handle between a first disengaged position adjacent the outer surface of the golf bag and second position in engagement with the waist and/or hips of the individual carrying the golf bag.

20 24. The support member of claim 23 wherein the arms are flexible towards and away from each other.

25 25. The support member of claim 24 wherein the arms are adapted to exert a force against the waist and/or hips of the individual carrying the golf bag.

26. The support member of claim 25 wherein the arms are made from a shape memory material.

27. The support member of claim 24 wherein a strap extends between and interconnects the arms, the arms being pivotable towards each other in response to the lateral movement of said strap.

28. The support member of claim 22 wherein said arms are defined by a frame, said frame being adapted to extend outwardly from the outer surface of said golf bag.

5 29. The support member of claim 28 wherein the frame comprises a continuous bar or rod of material which has bent and shaped to define an upper frame portion, a pair of arms extending unitary outwardly and downwardly from the ends of the frame portion, and a lower frame portion unitary with and extending between the arms and defining a notch.

10 30. The support member of claim 29 wherein the frame is surrounded by a protective sleeve defining a notch.